
SENATE BILL 6758

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By Senators Schow, Owen, Smith, Rasmussen and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of campaign contributions for a
2 different office; and amending RCW 42.17.790.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.790 and 1995 c 397 s 27 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (~~((1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,~~) A
7 candidate for public office or the candidate's political committee may
8 not use or permit the use of contributions, whether or not surplus,
9 solicited for or received by the candidate for public office or the
10 candidate's political committee to further the candidacy of the
11 individual for an office other than the office designated on the
12 statement of organization. Within thirty days after the individual
13 becomes a candidate for an office other than the office designated on
14 the statement of organization, the candidate or the candidate's
15 political committee shall return unspent contributions on a pro rata
16 basis according to the proportionate amount that the original unspent
17 contributions bear to the total contributions received by the candidate
18 and the candidate's political committee. Unspent contributions that
19 cannot be returned after reasonable efforts shall be contributed to a

1 charitable organization registered under chapter 19.09 RCW. A
2 contribution solicited for or received on behalf of the candidate for
3 public office is considered solicited or received for the candidacy for
4 which the individual is then a candidate if the contribution is
5 solicited or received before the general elections for which the
6 candidate for public office is a nominee or is unopposed.

7 ~~((2) With the written approval of the contributor, a candidate for
8 public office or the candidate's political committee may use or permit
9 the use of contributions, whether or not surplus, solicited for or
10 received by the candidate for public office or the candidate's
11 political committee from that contributor to further the candidacy of
12 the individual for an office other than the office designated on the
13 statement of organization. If the contributor does not approve the use
14 of his or her contribution to further the candidacy of the individual
15 for an office other than the office designated on the statement of
16 organization at the time of the contribution, the contribution must be
17 considered surplus funds and disposed of in accordance with RCW
18 42.17.095.))~~

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